

ABSTRACT

An image forming apparatus of the present invention disclosed is of the type sequentially transferring toner images from a plurality of photoconductive drums to a sheet being conveyed by an image transfer belt or an intermediate image transfer belt one above the other with bias applying members to thereby form a composite color image. Backup rollers, contacting the inside surface of the belt, each have volumetric resistivity of $10^9 \Omega \cdot \text{cm}$ or above and ten-point mean surface roughness R_z of $6 \mu\text{m}$ or above.